

**QUICK DRILL · CBSE CLASS 9**

# The Fun They Had (Beehive)

English · Chapter 1 · 15 MCQs · 20 minutes · PYQ-tagged with time budgets

DATE	TOTAL MARKS	DURATION	MARKING	TARGET
_____	<b>15</b>	<b>20 min</b>	<b>+1 / 0</b>	<b>≥ 12/15</b>

**OBJECTIVES**

Reinforce the four core topics of The Fun They Had (Beehive) via 15 PYQ-derived MCQs. Identify weak sub-topics via concept-node IDs (see answer key). Build per-question time budget habit.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Attempt all 15. Time budget shown per Q (use it as pacing guide). Mark answers (A/B/C/D) in the margin. Answer key + explanations on the last page. **Don't peek — score yourself honestly.**

**SECTION · QUICK DRILL**

Q 1-15 · 20 MIN

**Q1.** On what date does Margie make the diary entry that opens the story?

- (A) 17 May 2155 (B) 17 May 2157  
(C) 17 March 2157 (D) 17 May 2057

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**Q2.** Where did Tommy find the real, printed book?

- (A) In the school library (B) In the attic of his house  
(C) In a museum (D) On the mechanical teacher's screen

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**Q3.** What was the most astonishing thing about the printed book to Margie and Tommy?

- (A) It had coloured pictures (B) The words stood still and did not move  
(C) It could talk (D) It was very heavy

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**Q4.** Why did Margie hate her school the most?

- (A) The building was far away (B) The geography sector geared too fast and she scored badly  
(C) There were too many classmates (D) The teacher was a strict human

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**Q5.** What did the County Inspector do to the mechanical teacher?

- (A) Took it away for a month (B) Replaced it with a new one  
(C) Slowed the geography sector to the average ten-year level and reassembled it (D) Did nothing and left

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**Q6.** How old are Margie and Tommy respectively?

- (A) 11 and 13 (B) 13 and 11  
(C) 10 and 12 (D) 12 and 14

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**Q7.** According to Tommy's book, the old kind of school had:

- (A) Mechanical teachers in every home (B) A special building where all the children went together  
(C) Telebooks only (D) No teachers at all

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**Q8.** The central irony of the story is that:

- (A) The future children pity the old school (B) The advanced future children ENVY the old kind of school  
(C) The mechanical teacher is better than a human teacher (D) Margie loves her schooling

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**Q9.** The title 'The Fun They Had' refers to:  
**(A)** The fun Margie has with her mechanical teacher

**(C)** The fun of reading telebooks

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**(B)** The fun the children of the OLD school had learning together

**(D)** A game the children play

**Q10.** What is the main theme of 'The Fun They Had'?

**(A)** Computers are always better than humans

**(C)** Geography is a difficult subject

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**(B)** Technology cannot replace human connection in learning

**(D)** Children should not read old books

**Q11.** In the word 'Tommy said loftily', the word 'loftily' means:

**(A)** Kindly

**(C)** Quietly

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**(B)** In a superior, proud manner

**(D)** Nervously

**Q12.** How were books normally read in Margie and Tommy's time?

**(A)** On paper, in print

**(C)** Read aloud by human teachers

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**(B)** As 'telebooks' on a screen where words moved

**(D)** They did not read books

**Q13.** In 'The Road Not Taken', what does the fork of two diverging roads represent?

**(A)** A real journey to school

**(C)** Two rivers

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**(B)** The choices we make in life

**(D)** A return path home

**Q14.** In 'The Road Not Taken', the speaker says the two roads were:

**(A)** Completely different

**(C)** Both impassable

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**(B)** 'Really about the same' that morning

**(D)** Leading to the same place

**Q15.** At the end of the story, Margie keeps thinking about:

**(A)** Her arithmetic homework

**(C)** Tommy's superior tone

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**(B)** The fun the children of the old schools had

**(D)** The County Inspector

## ANSWER KEY & EXPLANATIONS

Q 1-15 · MARK YOUR SCORE

**Q1. Answer: B**

Margie's diary entry is dated 17 May 2157 — the exact date is a favourite reference-to-context detail.

**Q2. Answer: B**

Tommy found the old paper book in the attic of his house; its yellow, crinkly pages amazed both children.

**Q3. Answer: B**

Used to telebooks where words move on a screen, the children marvelled that the printed words stood still.

**Q4. Answer: B**

Her mechanical teacher's geography sector had been geared too quick, giving her worse and worse test scores.

**Q5. Answer: C**

He found the geography sector geared too quick, slowed it to the average ten-year-old level, and put the teacher back together — it was repaired, not removed.

**Q6. Answer: A**

Margie is eleven; Tommy, her neighbour, is thirteen and a little older and superior in manner.

**Q7. Answer: B**

Tommy explains the old school was a special building where neighbourhood children of the same age learnt together with human teachers.

**Q8. Answer: B**

Despite superior technology, the children of 2157 long for the togetherness of the old school — Asimov's situational irony.

**Q9. Answer: B**

The wistful, past-tense title points to the shared, social joy of the old-school children, which Margie imagines at the end.

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**Q10. Answer: B**

Asimov argues that the warmth of human teachers and the company of classmates are irreplaceable — efficiency cannot supply fellowship.

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**Q11. Answer: B**

'Loftily' = in a haughty, superior way — it captures Tommy's older-brother condescension.

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**Q12. Answer: B**

Books were 'telebooks' on a screen storing a million books; the printed paper book was a novelty to them.

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**Q13. Answer: B**

Frost uses the two diverging roads as a metaphor for the decisions every person must make in life.

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**Q14. Answer: B**

The speaker admits both roads were 'really about the same' and equally untrodden — the poem is NOT a simple 'be different' message.

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**Q15. Answer: B**

The story closes on Margie's wistful daydream of the old schools and 'the fun they had' — the emotional heart of the tale.